(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been signed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by what time the agreement is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) An Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) has been signed on 4th October, 2000 with the Government of the Russian Federation which, *inter-alia,* provides for the acquisition of 'Admiral Gorshkov', an aircraft carrier, from Russian and its refit and modernisation. Negotiations for procurement of Admiral Gorshkov are being held. It is not possible to lay down a time limit for such a major acquisition.

CVC Report on Defence Deals

111. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CVC has submitted its final report to Government on defence deals; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken on the findings of CVC?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on CVC's recommendations, the Government has set up the defence Procuremnet Board, issued instructions on evolving Standard Procedure for mandatory and time bound scrutiny by the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Central Vigilance Commission of all major defence related purchase decisions, placed important data on procurement on the Defence Ministry's web site to encourage accessibility and transparency.

Modernisation of Indian Army, Navy and Air Force

112. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large amount totalling to Rs. 3,000 crores for purchase of weapons is lying unutilised;